GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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OIL EXPLORATION IN MADHYA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether wells for oil and gas are being dug by ONGC at various places in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether digging of wells is yielding any positive results; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has drilled four wells and at present drilling the fifth exploratory well, Kharkhari-1, in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) & (c) One of the four drilled wells showed occurrence of non-commercial gas while the other three did not give any encouraging results. Well Kharkhari-1 which was spudded on 11th March, 2002 with a target depth of 3800m is currently under drilling and is yet to reach the objective depth. The results from this well will be known only after reaching the targeted depth.